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Protective Coating in Caves
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started work for providing a coating for the carved rock-cut cave complex structure in the Verul/Ellora caves to save further deterioration of the caves due to climate change;

(b) whether the Government has evaluated the use of such Ayurvedic medicinal coatings before to protect and enhance the life of rock-cut cave complex structures and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning for providing this coating for the rock-cut complex heritage sites of Maharashtra like Ajantha and Elephanta caves and caves in other parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d) No Madam. No Ayurvedic medicinal Coating is applied by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to save deterioration of caves due to climate change. However, essential conservation work on protected caves is attended regularly by appropriate methods and techniques, depending on the nature of different substrates and they are in a good state of preservation.